AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

~~A method is provided that allows a dishwasher to be run economically such that the washing residues that accumulate during the washing phases are removed from the washing liquid early on while the dishwasher filter systems are automatically cleaned. The re-circulation pump and the lye pump are at least temporarily operated in an alternating manner during a partial step of a program such that the dishwasher filter systems are automatically cleaned and the accumulated washing residues are conveyed away from the dishwasher at an early stage. The method makes it possible to improve the washing performance of the dishwasher and decrease the total operating time of the washing program, resulting in a reduction of the energy required for operating the dishwasher.~~

A method for operating a dishwasher is provided, in which the dishwasher includes at least one washing container, a re-circulation pump for conveying washing fluid to at least one spray device for acting upon items to be cleaned, which are located in the washing container, a lye pump for pumping away washing liquid from the dishwasher. The method includes executing a wash program at least including partial program steps pre-wash (V_1, V_2), clean (R_1, R_2), intermediate rinse, clear rinse (K_1, K_2) and dry, and operating the re-circulation pump and the lye pump at least temporarily in an alternating manner during at least one of the partial program steps (V_1, V_2, R_1, R_2, K_1, K_2).

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE
(CLEAN VERSION)

A method for operating a dishwasher is provided, in which the dishwasher includes at least one washing container, a re-circulation pump for conveying washing fluid to at least one spray device for acting upon items to be cleaned, which are located in the washing container, a lye pump for pumping away washing liquid from the dishwasher. The method includes executing a wash program at least including partial program steps pre-wash (V_1, V_2), clean (R_1, R_2), intermediate rinse, clear rinse (K_1, K_2) and dry, and operating the re-circulation pump and the lye pump at least temporarily in an alternating manner during at least one of the partial program steps (V_1, V_2, R_1, R_2, K_1, K_2).